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In Re Application Of: **Hideaki Shiraishi**

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated March 25, 2003, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-4, for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-11 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-4, drawn to a method of fabricating a liquid crystal display (LCD), wherein the method has the step of forming at least one or more scribe cracks on each side of substrates, classified in class 65, subclass 433; and

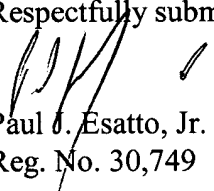
Group II, Claims 5-11, drawn to an LCD having substrates, classified in class 439, subclass 158.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-4. However, applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

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